Proviso: grading and curbing at expense of city.

having jurisdiction of the amount for the cost and expense in constructing said sidewalks: Provided, the city shall first establish the proper grade and place the curbstone at the expense of said city.

Street and electric railway companies.

Steam railway

companies.

Tax on city railroads.

railroads.

Enforcement of regulations.

Improvement of streets; obliga tion of railroad company.

Work done by city for account of railroad.

Recovery and foreclosure. Railroads on streets occupied by other company.

Sec. 9. To Regulate Street and Electric Railway Companies .-The city of High Point shall have the power, by ordinance or otherwise, to regulate the speed of engines, locomotives and street cars within the limits of said city, and to require steam railway companies to keep the streets over which they run properly drained, and to light the same 'wherever deemed necessary, and to require steam and electric railway companies to construct and keep in repair, from curb to curb, bridges and crossings over all ditches, and to construct and maintain drains and culverts, where crossed by any line of said railways, on all streets over which they run; to direct and control the laying and construction of railroad tracks, turnouts and switches, and to regulate the grade of same, and to require them to conform to the grade of the streets of said city, as they may be or are now established; and that said tracks, turnouts and switches be so constructed and laid out as to interfere as little as possible with the ordinary travel in the use of the streets. The city of High Point shall also have the power to assess and collect the ordinary municipal taxes upon Regulation of city city railroads, and to compel the said city railroad companies to keep their roads in repair, and restrain the rate of travel so as not to exceed seven miles per hour, and to compel said city railroads to supply ample accommodations for the safe and convenient travel of the people on any streets where their tracks may run. The city council may enforce these regulations by proper ordinance, with suitable penalties for all violations of said ordinances. Whenever the city council shall determine to fill, grade, pave or otherwise improve any street or avenue, and over and upon which or any portion thereof there may be tracks or roadbed of any railroad company, the said railroad shall, upon notice, fill, grade or pave or otherwise improve the portion of said street or avenue so occupied by it, between the rails of said tracks and for one foot on each side of said rails, with such material and in such mauner as has or may be provided by said council for the improvement of the other portions of such street or avenue. Upon failure to do so, after thirty days' notice, the said council may so improve such street or avenue, between said rails and for one foot on each side thereof, for account of said railroad company; Liens for costs and and for all sums so expended, and legal interest thereon, the city of High Point shall have a first lien on roadbed, franchises and other property of said railroad company, and if not paid upon demand suit may be brought by said city to recover said indebtedness and for the foreclosure of said lien. Any railroad company or street railway company proposing, with the permission of the council, to occupy any street or streets already occupied by any